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Former Rio Rancho Man Sentenced on State Tax Evasion Charges

BERNALILLO – On Thursday, Thirteenth Judicial District Court Judge George Eichwald sentenced former Rio Rancho resident Roy Rex, currently of Mesa, Arizona, to two years of unsupervised probation as part of his "no contest" plea. The sentence requires Rex to pay restitution to the State of New Mexico in the amount of \$9,212 of taxes, penalties and interest for tax years 2003 and 2004. Rex was also ordered to enter into an agreement with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department to pay taxes, penalties and interest for the tax years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005 and 2006 totaling approximately \$39,000. Such years were not included in the criminal indictment and plea agreement.

Rex pleaded "no contest" on October 23, 2007 to two counts of tax evasion. As part of the terms of the agreement, Mr. Rex agreed to make full restitution to the State of New Mexico for all delinquent taxes, penalties and interest owed by him and his wife, Somsri Rex.

Roy Rex and wife, Somsri Rex, were indicted on April 12, 2007 on two counts each of willfully attempting to evade or defeat their New Mexico Personal Income Taxes for the tax years 2003 and 2004. As a part of the plea agreement with Mr. Rex, the State agreed to dismiss the indictment on Mrs. Rex.

The case was a result of an investigation by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division, and was prosecuted by the Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney's office.

To report suspected tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.